

## **Budget Cuts to Senior Services**

### ***Proposal eliminates over 138,000 meals***



Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) enable individuals to remain in a community setting rather than being admitted to a nursing home. The DHR - Division of Aging Services (DAS) contracts with 12 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) for the provision of HCBS based on the needs of older Georgians in their area. AAAs sub-contract for service delivery with a network of approximately 250 organizations including cities, counties, for-profit and nonprofit providers. Services to caregivers include:

- adult day care
- in-home respite
- information and assistance
- caregiver education/training sessions
- help with purchasing transportation, food or groceries
- case management (assessing needs and assisting families in developing plans of care for their loved ones)

The Governor proposes to reduce DAS programs by 9.3% (\$8.5 million) for FY 2009 and 11.4% (\$10.4 million) for FY 2010.

**Out of \$18.9 million in cuts, we are asking the legislature to restore:**

- **\$1,171,371 FY2009 (over 47,000 respite hours) and \$2,873,282 FY 2010 (almost 145,000 respite hours) for non-Medicaid HCBS respite services under Elder Community Living Services. (item 26.20.10 FY 2009A tracking and item 26.20.8 in FY2010)**
- **\$1,045,000 FY2009 and FY2010 for Nutritional Services Incentive Program (more than 138,000 meals- based on average costs) under Elder Support Services. (item 26.21.5 FY 2009A tracking and item 26.21.2 in FY 2010)**



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